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FOR ATHERTON FROM SOBER

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED REFTEL CONVEYING GOP REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BRITISH SALE OF MARK 44 TORPEDOES TO PAKISTAN. YOU MAY RECALL THAT IN EXCHANGES WITH THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO LIFTING THE EMBARGO NEA CITED THIS ITEM AS EXAMPLE OF SALE WE MIGHT AUTHORIZE IF POLICY WERE CHANGED. SUBJECT TO ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE, I PROPOSE TO SEND FOLLOWING CABLE TO ISLAMABAD, LONDON AND NEW DELHI. I AM BRINGING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION PRIMARILY BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST ACTION WE WOULD BE TAKING UNDER OUR NEW ARMS POLICY. PROPOSED MESSAGE HAS CONFIDENTIAL

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BEEN CLEARED IN DOD (NOYES) AND PM. BEGIN CABLE TEXT:

2. DEPARTMENT HAS RECONSIDERED MK-44 TORPEDO CASE UNDER CURRENT ARMS SUPPLY POLICY ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 24 AND DECIDED, WITH DOD CONCURRENCE, TO REMOVE USG OBJECTION TO BRITISH EXPORT THIS U.S.-LICENSED EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN.

3. FOLLOWING WERE CONSIDERATIONS IN DECISION:

A. THE MK-44 TORPEDO IS AN AIRBORNE ANTI-SUBMARINE WEAPON WHICH THE PAKISTAN NAVY APPARENTLY INTENDS TO DEPLOY ON ITS BRITISH SEA KING HELICOPTERS AND NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT. GIVEN THE VERY LIMITED NATURE OF PRESENT AND PROJECTED PAKISTAN NAVAL CAPABILITIES, THE PAK NAVY'S ASW MISSION IN WARTIME WOULD PROBABLY BE ESSENTIALLY DEFENSIVE.

B. MK-44 TORPEDOS ARE ALREADY IN BOTH THE PAKISTANI AND INDIAN INVENTORIES. THEY WERE FURNISHED DIRECTLY TO PAKISTAN NAVY BY U.S. BEFORE 1965 FOR USE ON U.S.-SUPPLIED SHIPS. IN 1968-69 PERIOD, WE APPROVED SALE OF TORPEDOS TO BOTH PAKISTAN AND INDIA FOR USE WITH BRITISH SEA KING HELICOPTERS, THOUGH ONLY SALE TO INDIA WAS CONSUMMATED BEFORE TOTAL EMBARGO WAS REIMPOSED IN 1971. DENIAL OF RENEWED REQUEST FROM PAKISTAN LAST YEAR WAS BASED ON RECENT CLARIFICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL INTENT REGARDING THIRD-COUNTRY TRANSFERS, BUT THIS RULING HAD PARTICULARLY DISCRIMINATORY EFFECT BECAUSE INDIAN SEA KING HELICOPTERS HAD ALREADY BEEN EQUIPPED WITH MK-44 TORPEDOS WITH OUR APPROVAL.

4. WITH ABOVE IN MIND, DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THAT SALE OF MK-44 TORPEDOS MEETS CRITERIA ESTABLISHED FOR APPROVAL OF REQUESTS UNDER PRESENT POLICY. WE ARE INFORMING BRITISH AND PAKISTANI EMBASSIES HERE THAT WE HAVE WITHDRAWN OUR OBJECTION TO THIS SALE.

5. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INTEND UNNECESSARILY TO PUBLICIZE THIS ACTION, BUT IF ASKED WHETHER USG HAS RECEIVED ANY REQUESTS FROM PAKISTAN UNDER NEW POLICY WE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIALLY FOLLOWING RESPONSE. GOP HAS RENEWED CONFIDENTIAL

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AN EARLIER REQUEST FOR USG APPROVAL OF THE SALE BY GREAT BRITAIN OF MARK-44 TORPEDOS MANUFACTURED IN THE UK UNDER U.S. LICENSE. THIS EARLIER REQUEST HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAD SUPPORTED REQUEST, WAS SO INFORMED IN JULY 1974. WE HAVE RECONSIDERED THIS EARLIER DECISION AND HAVE NOW GIVEN APPROVAL FOR SUCH A SALE ON THE GROUNDS THAT USG WOULD BE WILLING TO SELL THIS EQUIPMENT DIRECTLY TO PAKISTAN OR INDIA. THIS DECISION

FULLY SATISFIES CRITERIA ESTABLISHED UNDER POLICY ANNOUNCED
FEBRUARY 24. MARK-44 TORPEDOS ARE PRESENTLY IN THE IN-
VENTORIES OF BOTH THE PAKISTANI AND INDIAN NAVIES. UNDER
OUR MAP PROGRAM WE PROVIDED SOME TORPEDOS TO PAKISTAN
BEFORE 1965. IN 1968-69, WHICH WAS A PERIOD WHEN THE
USG WAS MAINTAINING AN EMBARGO ON DIRECT TRANSFERS OF

LETHAL WEAPONS, THE USG APPROVED A SIMILAR BRITISH SALE
TO BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN. ONLY THE SALE TO INDIA WAS
CONSUMMATED BEFORE OUR TOTAL EMBARGO WAS REIMPOSED IN
1971.END CABLE TEXT.

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